

February 18, 2022

Appropriations Committee
CT General Assembly
210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Virginia Conception and I live in a residential women's house in Willimantic, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. **I respectfully request the legislature increase funding by \$461 Million over five years for community nonprofits.**

Your support is very important to me because of you I got a new chance in life. I was in jail and worried where I would go, but Perception House has opened a new door for me. This is a wonderful way to stop my drug addiction. With this support I will be rising up high to new perceptions. Thank you for supporting.

I strongly hope that the Appropriations Committee will support the requested \$461 million increase so that our non-profit services can continue to support our community. Without these services, I would be on the street, still using drugs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Conception". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Virginia Conception